

# Bennachie Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 September 2019

**Present:** Sarah Robinson (Chair/Leslie), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Wendy Glasspool (Sec/Chapel of Garioch), Karen Gray (Premnay), Janet Hoper (Insch), Anne Mansfield (Chapel of Garioch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Wilma McIntosh (Rayne), Stuart Rennie (Planning/Insch).

**Apologies:** John Agnew (Insch), Scott Ewan (Insch), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer/Leslie), Katy Thompson (Premnay), Cllr Smith.

**Visitor:** Beatrice Fettes-Leagas (Insch)

### Item 1 – Declarations of Interest

1. The Chair explained that this item would appear in the minutes from now on to ensure that, if a Cllr had a personal interest in any of the agenda items, it could be declared and the Cllr could be excused from discussion of the item. There were no declarations of interest.

### Item 2 – Minutes of the Last Meeting

2. The minutes of 26 Aug 19 were agreed. Proposed: Sarah Robinson; seconded: Karen Gray.

### Item 3 – Police Report

3. The Chair read out items from the Police Report (Annex A). The Police were liaising with the Headteacher concerning the zig-zag lines outside the school. Confirmation had been received from Inspector Hannan that there had been no incidences of drug offences since the last report but also that drug offenders were occasionally rehoused for a wide range of reasons. The Police had been made aware of the BCC meeting dates and it was hoped that a Community Policeman might be able to attend some of the future meetings.

### Item 4 – BCC Business

4. Decisions Since Last Meeting. Stuart had submitted an objection regarding the planning application for a sign in Oyne [See 12a].

5. Financial Statement. The annual grant had been received from Aberdeenshire Council (AC) in the sum of £1100.

6. BCC Website. The Chair had met with Scott and Janet to review the website; all three now had usernames and passwords to access the site. Congratulations had been received from the Garioch Area Manager (GAM) regarding the new site. Scott had agreed to give a presentation on it to the rest of the Council at the October meeting.

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7. GDPR Review. The Sec advised that she had removed all email addresses and personal details of members of the public who had been consulted by BCC from her computer, and was now holding only password protected details of BCC Cllrs.

8. Community Councillor Induction. Stuart apologised for the delay in producing the planning information for the Induction Handbook but would be able to provide it before the next meeting.

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9. Important Dates. The Chair ran through the list of forthcoming important dates which had been circulated:

a. Health & Social Care Services Engagement - Strategic Development Plan. The Chair had been unable to discuss the Social Care Plan with the Chair of FoIH as she had been away. However, there had been a revised deadline for replies on the consultation and all Cllrs should submit a

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personal reply by 4 Oct.

b. Bus Forum. The Chair was liaising with the Transport Officer, AC, regarding hosting the next Bus Forum in Insch. Chair

c. Insch Development Site OP1. It had been understood that, following a change of assessment of the site's suitability for development, SEPA might have objected to its development but it transpired that a new planning application had been submitted before the previous one had expired and SEPA's views would not be sought. The public consultation was still to be rescheduled.

d. BCC Business Cards. The Chair would seek confirmation from Wally that business cards with the new BCC website address had been ordered. Chair

e. Community Council Forum. The CC Forum planned for 4 Sep had been cancelled due to lack of applicants.

f. Community Bedding Plants. Applications for community bedding plants were to be submitted by the end of Sep. All

g. NESTRANS Consultation. The Chair would complain to NESTRANS about the lack of clear information and a deadline in their consultation. Chair

h. Insch Flood Study. Cllrs should attend the public engagement event in the BLC on 7 Oct, 3.00-7.00pm. It would not cover the flooding situation in Premnay. All

10. It was suggested that each Cllr should be allocated a certain area of business for which they should take responsibility. It was pointed out that this had been tried before but not all Cllrs were willing to take on more work, or responsibility for matters that were not of interest to them. The Chair agreed to add the topic to the agenda for the next meeting. Chair

### Item 5 - Planning

11. LDP Update. The Garioch Area Committee had reviewed the Proposed Local Plan (PLP) and passed it with only two comments, neither of which affected the proposals for the settlements. Provided the Strategic Development Plan had been completed in time, the PLP should go before full Council towards the end of November.

12. Planning Applications. Recommendations for the latest planning applications were:

a. APP2019/2013 Erection of Freestanding Sign | S&S Services (Scotland) Ltd Headquarters Oyne. After a consultation with Oyne Community Association (OCA), BCC agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the size of the sign was inappropriate for its location, and that the business was not dependent on passing trade.

b. APP/2019/2054 | Erection of 3 Dwellinghouses (Plots 6-8, Phase 2) | Plots 6 To 8 Mortimer's Way Auchleven. Concerns were raised as this site was not an allocated site for development and, although it had had planning permission, this had lapsed last year. Also, it was designated as Prime Agricultural Land, but a site visit had revealed that the condition of the site was poor. The biggest concern was regarding waste water as the Premnay sewage system had a chronic flooding problem and should not have any more houses linked to it until the problems were resolved. In order to understand fully the state of the sewage problem, Stuart would arrange a site visit with Karen. [Sec's note: Stuart later confirmed that the developer intended to connect the proposed houses to the public sewer but, as Scottish Water was unable

to confirm capacity in the water treatment plant, they suggested that the applicant submitted a Pre-Development Enquiry (PDE) Form. Stuart has requested a copy.]

c. Two further applications (APP/2019/2067, Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse, 2 Morag House Oyne Inch, and APP/2019/2103, Erection of Dwellinghouse (Change of House Type of Planning Reference APP/2018/0982), Site To West Of Coldhome Inch) attracted no observation.

d. APP/2019/2109 | Formation of Footpath | Wantonwells Farm Inch. This application was a revised version of APP/2019/0229, previously reviewed by BCC without observation. Ms Fettes-Leagas made a presentation in which she explained the purpose of the path: to increase safety for pedestrians on the B992, to improve access to the countryside, and to create a pleasant space for people to enjoy. She confirmed that the neighbourhood objection to the previous application had been resolved. During the creation of the path, every care would be taken to preserve the trees and wildlife, and any top soil that had to be removed from site would be used to create a new market garden. The landowner would be committed to maintaining the path for 7 years. The Chair thanked Ms Fettes-Leagas for her comprehensive report.

### **Item 6 – Roads and Transport**

13. Temporary Road Closures. The works to repair Carden Bridge (Oyne Fork) scheduled for 2 Sep would be starting this week.

14. Aberdeenshire Community Transport Initiative. The Chair would speak to the Chair of the FoIH to determine whether or not use could be made of the £3000 available from this Initiative.

### **Item 7 – Infrastructure and Services**

15. Community Bedding Application. Applications from communities for bedding plants were to be submitted by 30 Sep.

16. Recycling. The reason for the recycling bins being moved behind locked gates outside of opening hours was that members of the public were contaminating them with general waste. The Chair would contact Claire Loney, the new Leader of Collections and Cleansing at AC to ask her to visit and update BCC on their ongoing activities.

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17. North East Transport Consultation. [See 9g]

18. Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Consultation. [See 9a]

### **Item 8 - Aberdeenshire Council**

19. Budget Engagement Process. It was unclear what was required from CCs and when. The Chair would enquire further.

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20. Councillors Report. The Chair had received apologies from Cllr Smith who would no longer be attending BCC meetings due to ill health. BCC felt that the lack of Councillor support was a great loss to the CC and to the community itself. The Chair had already written to the GAM expressing her concern. No response had been received to date.

### **Item 9 - Chapel of Garioch**

21. Logie Durno. Refurbishment of the hall is continuing. The orchard, which had accidentally been planted on the playing fields and should have been underplanted with wild flowers, was now an unsightly weed patch. The speed detector had been erected at the wrong end of the village. No progress had been made on making the bus shelter at Whiteford safe. The Chair requested details

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of all the issues so that BCC could lend their support.

22. Resignation. Anne Mansfield announced her resignation from BCC.

#### **Item 10 - Culsalmond**

23. Bus Stop. A meeting amongst local representatives, AC, BEAR and Transport Scotland had been held, where it had been agreed to draw up a plan for the bus stop and crossing point (including lighting) at Culsalmond in line with the wishes of the community. The Chair thanked Stan for his diligence in pursuing this matter.

Chair

#### **Item 11 - Inch**

24. Railway Station Access. It was hoped that a representative from AECOM would attend the BCC October meeting to update members on access to the station.

25. Inch Day Care Centre. Concern was expressed about the closure of the day care centre. Stan would find out more from Jane Reid (FoIH) and the Chair would speak to the Chair of FoIH.

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26. Inch Flood Protection. A public engagement event (concerning flooding around Inch only) would be held on 7 Oct at BLC. Members were encouraged to attend.

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27. Bus Shelter. Stuart had pursued the matter of the bus shelter adjacent to McColl's and had been assured that repairs would be carried out.

#### **Item 12 - Leslie**

28. No issues raised

#### **Item 13 - Oyne**

29. Issues of speeding and access to Bennachie continue to be raised at the OCA. The crash barriers promised for just west of the lay-by in Oyne had not yet been installed, and OCA did not propose to follow up on the request for crash barriers on the north side of the hill between Kirkton and Oyne.

#### **Item 14 - Premnay**

30. Neighbour Dispute. Karen had advised neighbours who were in dispute about blocked access to driveways to contact the Roads Dept at AC.

31. Defibrillator. The defibrillator was now installed outside the New Moon.

#### **Item 15 - Rayne**

32. Hedge Cutting. Bushes growing in the verges on the road between Old Rayne and Rayne North were obstructing the view of traffic on a blind corner. Advice was sought as to whether this was a Council matter or if the adjacent landowner was responsible for trimming the bushes. The Chair would seek advice from AC Roads Dept.

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#### **Item 16- AOCB**

33. Aberdeen Airport - Airspace Modernisation. Aberdeen Airport were planning to modernize the use of airspace around the airport and would be engaging, in November, with regional stakeholders and local people to seek their views. Wally had agreed to part of this consultation and would ensure that the Garioch Flying Club were aware.

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#### **Item 17 - Next Meeting**

34 The next meeting was planned for 28 Oct 2019 in the Inch Institute at 7.00pm

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## Bennachie Community Council Police Report for September 2019

### Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Bennachie Community Council area during the period 23/08/2019 to 22/09/2019. As you will note this has been a very quiet month.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

### Community Policing Priorities

#### **Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:**

On 1 September 2019 a 46 year old local female was given a recorded warning following on from a minor assault at the Commercial Hotel, Inch.

Police are also investigation a reported Breach of the Peace within the Bennachie Leisure Centre during a fitness exercise class. Enquiry is ongoing.

A 78 year old man has also been charged and reported with assault following on from a reported neighbour dispute.

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

Between 20 and 23 August 2019 there was an attempt to break into a shed at Alexander Street, Inch. No entry was gained and enquiry is ongoing.

#### **Road Safety & road crime:**

We are aware of a number of reports of parents stopping on the zig zags outside Inch Primary School and have been sent a number of photos of offending vehicles with these owners being visited. We will continue to give attention when possible and will be contacting the Head Teacher this week to see if they can remind parents of their obligations. I would add that the zig zags themselves are particularly worn in places and suggest that the council is asked to re mark these.

### Community Engagement & Reassurance

#### **New mobile phone technology to increase police officer visibility in local communities**

Police officers in the North East will start using mobile devices as part of their operational duties which will increase their visibility within local communities. Officers will be able to access a wide range of police systems while out on duty without the requirement to return to a police station and log on to a computer.

This means that officers will be able to spend more time working within the community, dealing with incidents, engaging with members of the public, supporting victims and focussing on crime prevention. Previously, when officers dealt with a crime, they would have to return to base to record details of an incident on the appropriate systems and complete paperwork.

The new mobile devices will mean that every Community Policing Team officer, and those with a front line operational role, will be able to connect to police systems whilst working remotely.

The mobiles will provide apps enabling officers carry out checks and file crime reports. Officers will also be able to type statements directly to the device through the use of its digital notebook function Pronto which will obtain an electronic signature from victims and witnesses.

## **Bike security**

Keeping hold of your bike should be easy. More of us take to the roads as the better weather approaches so here are some tips to hold onto yours.

- Get a good quality bike lock - the more expensive your bike, the more you should spend, a good guide is to spend 10 - 20% of the cost of the bike on the lock. Solid 'D' locks offer good protection.
- Ideally the lock should have the Secured By Design Award or the Sold Secure Award.
- Use the lock! - even if popping into the shops for 2 minutes, many thefts are opportunistic.
- Lock to the best solid object you can find such as a cycle stand, railing or other street furniture. Ensure that the bike and lock cannot simply be lifted over the object.
- Consider using a stand-alone alarm (from £2) or a padlock with a built in alarm.
- Leave your bike where it can easily be seen by others or under CCTV surveillance.
- Remove anything that can't be secured, lamps, pumps, quick release saddles etc.
- Secure quick release wheels with your main lock or a separate cable which should also have the Secured By Design Award or the Sold Secure Award.
- Use Setectamark, Cremark, Veloeye, or other bike marking product and use visible sticker to advise the bike is security marked.
- If you regularly park it away from home and in the same location (e.g. work) as your employer, council, etc.) if they would consider installing bike security lockers.
- If you store the bike in a shed or garage fit a ground or wall anchor and lock your bike to it.

## **Contact Us**

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

- ☎ 101 – Non emergency;
- ✉ Email - [InverurieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:InverurieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)
- 🐦 Twitter - @NorthEPolice
- 📘 Facebook – [www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision](http://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision)
- 🌐 Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)
- ☎ 999 – Emergency;
- ☎ 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

Temp Inspector Hannan  
Inverurie Community Policing Team  
Date: 22/09/2019

## Bennachie Community Council Papers Tabled September 2019

### **Police Reports**

From Alun Harries (Police Scotland)  
(23.09.19) September 2019 – Police Report  
(13.09.19) Re: August 2019 – Police Report  
(02.09.19) Meeting Dates  
(29.08.19) Meeting Dates

### **Planning**

From Fraser Napier / Katie Cranwell / Hannah Gray (Aberdeenshire Council) & Adminhub ([Adminhub.woodhill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Adminhub.woodhill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(16.09.19) 16 September 2019 Weekly List – Garioch  
(09.09.19) 09 September 2019 Weekly List – Garioch  
(02.09.19) Weekly Planning List Garioch

From Morag Smith (DPEA) ([Morag.Smith@scot.gov.uk](mailto:Morag.Smith@scot.gov.uk))  
(06.09.19) SDP-005-1 For Information  
(04.09.19) SDP-005-1 Formal Further Information Request  
(*Document related to Proposed Aberdeen City & Shire Strategic Development Plan*)

### **Licensing**

No papers

### **Roads/Transport**

From Roddy Aiken ([roddy.aiken@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:roddy.aiken@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(18.09.19) Re: Garioch Area Bus Forum Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
(29.08.19) Garioch Area Bus Forum Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

From Jennifer Mitchell / Elizabeth Ross (Jennifer.mitchell or [elizabeth.ross@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.ross@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(04.09.19): Temporary Road Closure – U61s Oyne to A96– 2nd September 2019  
(02.09.19): Temporary Road Closure – U61s Daies to A96 Pitmachie Road, Oyne, Inch – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
(30.08.19) Fw: Road Closure – A97 Rhynie  
(29.08.19) Road Closure – B9002 (Norvite Nr Inch)

From Georgios Stravodimos (GStravodimos@bearsotland.co.uk)  
(11.09.19) Re: A96 230 Carden Bridge, Oyne, Aberdeenshire

### **Insch Railway Station**

From Jo Duck (Joanna.Duck@aecom.com)  
(12.09.19) Accessibility at Insch Station Study

### **Aberdeen Airport**

From #ABZ airspace (airspace@aairport.com)  
(20.09.19) Aberdeen Airport – Airspace Modernisation

### **Aberdeenshire Council**

Alison Cumming (Aberdeenshire Council)  
(11.09.19) Fw: Crown Estate Scotland Draft 2020-2023 – Corporate Plan Consultation – FAO All Community Councils  
(11.09.19) Fw: Information for Community Councils – VE Day 75  
(04.09.19) Important Information About Garioch Community Council Events  
(04.09.19) Annual Networking Event 28/09/19

From Fiona Garden ([Fiona.garden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.garden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))

(18.09.19) Fw: Budget Engagement 2019 – For Action (Budget Simulator)  
(17.09.19) Fw: Re: Your Views Are Wanted (AHSCP Strategic Plan)  
(11.09.19) Garioch Area Committee Agenda 17.09.2019  
(11.09.19) Induction Training 10/09/19  
(11.09.19) Funding Information  
(09.09.19) Fw: 2020 Community Bedding Application  
(29.08.19) Re: Booking Form – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 Supporting Communities Event  
Booking Form  
(29.08.19) Fw: BT Payphone Removal Consultation 2019  
(27.08.19) Sending on Behalf of AC – Garioch Forum Cancelled 04/09/19

From Cllr Hazel Smith ([cllr.h.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.h.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(03.09.19): Fw: Response From Waste (IHWRC)  
(03.09.19) Ward Agenda

#### **Sandbags**

From Mair Dowds ([mair.dowds@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:mair.dowds@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(09.07.19) Re: Sandbag Container at Insch

From Frank Taylor ([abiogenss@aol.com](mailto:abiogenss@aol.com))  
(10.09.19) No Subject (Sand Bags in Insch)

#### **Insch Flooding**

From Lee Watson ([lee.watson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:lee.watson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(14.09.19) Insch Flood Study – Public Engagement Event (07/10/19)  
(13.09.19) Insch Flood Study – Public Engagement Event (07/10/19)

#### **Health & Social Care**

From AHSCP ([integration@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:integration@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(16.09.16) AHSCP (Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership) Strategic Plan Consultation – Help Us to Shape The Future of Health & Social Care Services in Aberdeenshire

#### **BCC Business**

##### **BCC – Website**

From Margaret-Jane Cardno ([margaretjane.cardno@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:margaretjane.cardno@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(16.09.19) Re: Bennachie CC Website

From Wix.com ([wix-team@notifications.wix.com](mailto:wix-team@notifications.wix.com))  
(04.09.19) Review Your Domain Contact Information

##### **BCC – Minutes Secretary**

From Kevin Malachi Mulligan ([kevinmalachimulligan@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmalachimulligan@gmail.com))  
(14.09.19) Re: BCC Secretary (Minute Secretary)  
(05.09.19) BCC Secretary (Minutes Secretary)

##### **BCC – Website / Facebook Enquires**

None

##### **BCC – Induction Pack**

From Steve Russell ([stevemba66@gmail.com](mailto:stevemba66@gmail.com))  
(17.09.19) Inverurie Community Council Request

##### **Other Correspondence**

**Garioch Partnership** From Louise Thorburn / Dawn Brown([info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk))  
(10.09.19) TGP Weekly Update  
(27.08.19) TGP Weekly Update

##### **Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action**

From Meriem Kayoueche-Reeve ([Meriem.Kyoueche-Reeve@avashire.org.uk](mailto:Meriem.Kyoueche-Reeve@avashire.org.uk))  
(12.09.19) Fw: Thank You, Funding Applications & Upcoming Events